

bison, buffalo and bear have. I have had many similar experiences myself; chiefly owing to the fact that the shikaries who erect the machans will, unless supervised, leave their blankets and coats lying on the ground near the machan tree. It is most difficult to get them to hang their belongings on to branches of other trees. The result is that a tiger comes along and gets the scent of the clothes, etc. that had been lying on the ground, becomes suspicious and goes away.'—EDS.]

2.—DESTRUCTION OF CATTLE BY TIGER EN MASSE.

A recent instance of two tiger killing eight of our grazing cart-bulls at midday reminded me of Jim Corbett's excellent book '*Man-Eaters of Kumaon*' and the equally good review of this book by R. W. B. In his book Jim Corbett writes that a case of a tiger having killed without provocation more than was needed to satisfy its hunger had not come to his notice. Quite apart from the killing of eight of our grazing cart-bulls, I know of at least five similar instances in which the numbers killed varied from 7 to 15; in one case only were the cattle enclosed; the remaining four instances being day-light occurrences.

I entirely agree with R. W. B. also in respect of his para. on leopards and porcupines; I think leopards get stuck by porcupines just as often as tiger. Lastly, although Corbett has not known of man-eating leopards killing human beings by daylight R. W. B. is quite correct in saying that this has not been the case in other parts of India nor, I may say, in Ceylon; e.g. the famous Ponani man-eater (a leopard).

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3.—FIVE SHOTS WITHIN TWO HOURS AT THE SAME PANTHER.

Mainly because I did not expect any ordinary individual to believe this incident, have I failed to put it into print before. To-day I feel old enough to shoulder any ridicule which might be forthcoming from the 'unbeliever'.

Whilst planting in Travancore, it happened that my assistant and his wife were returning to their bungalow, when on the road just below ours, they spotted in the beam of their somewhat dim lights, two eyes which to them appeared to be those of a tiger. Returning to our bungalow, I got my '500 and went down to investigate. The two 'eyes' were still in the same place. After firing we inspected the spot and confirmed the pug marks of a panther. It meant turning the car lower down the road. On the return journey, the lights again picked up a pair of 'eyes'. Another shot, and a clean miss. Knowing our own car carried a spot-light